

THOUGHTS ON MULTI-YEAR/MULTI-PROJECT APPROACH
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MULTI-YEAR PROJECT APPROACH

1) Year 1

- a) Identify Best Practices of:
 - i) Schools
 - ii) Financial institutions
 - iii) Other government agencies
 - iv) Research literature.
- b) Identify Benchmarks that can be used to assess results.
- c) Utilize a Symposium of experts to validate
 - i) Methodology
 - ii) Data collected
 - iii) Results obtained.
- d) Develop a multi-year schedule for introducing Best Practice changes into the verification – prevention and detection process.
 - i) Incorporate Best Practices (BP's) identified for AY02/03 into the process.
 - ii) Utilize BP's identified for AY02/03 to run analyses on AY01/02.

2) Year 2

- a) Incorporate BP's identified for AY03/04 into the process.
- b) Perform additional analyses on individuals selected by the system for 2 consecutive years.
- c) Compare the error rates and populations for years 1 and 2.
- d) Identify new criteria and better focus existing criteria for identifying over awards.

3) Years 3 forward

- a) Incorporate new criteria from prior analyses.
- b) Perform additional analyses on individuals selected by the system multiple years.
- c) Identify new criteria and better focus existing criteria for identifying over awards.
- d) Compare error rates & populations for the current year and year just past awards.

MULTI-PROJECT APPROACH

- 1) Project 1 – Pell-IRS Study currently underway
- 2) Project 2 – Utilize other databases
 - a) Identify other databases from which to:
 - i) Pull data that can be used to
 - ii) Perform analyses on the target population
 - b) Determine:
 - i) The type of information that can be pulled
 - ii) How it can be used to reduce errors and over awards in the Pell program.
- 3) Project 3 – Apply Pell results to Title IV loans
 - a) Identify aspects of the Pell Best Practice changes that apply to other Title IV programs.
 - b) Develop first cut project plan to convert Pell program Best Practices to the subsidized loan program.

NOTES:

- 1) Potential other databases
 - a) National Directory of New Hires¹
 - b) Commercially available credit data

¹Allows verification of income & general eligibility in close to real time. Database is created from information that employers report to states within 21 days of a hire or rehire.